



**ARK Blacklands**  
Primary Academy



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## PTA Minutes 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### Present:

Adele, Kirstin, Jenny, Katie, Liz, Petra, Iren, Crystal, Ally P, Wendy, Jessica

### Apologies:

Nina, Jo, Julie, Tina

Crystal reminded members of being DBS checked and if not done so, to go to the office to arrange

### Maintenance:

1. Katie to remove old chest freezer
2. Current chest freezer has been cleaned
3. Crystal to investigate shelves for the PTA cupboard

### Upcoming events:

#### 1. **Egg Roll**

Many, many volunteers for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Petra will be up the field.

Liz and Wendy have volunteered to bag up the eggs, however, Wendy to research cheaper options for the mini-egg prizes

#### 2. **Disco**

Meet at 17:30 to set up

First Aider- Mrs C. Gasson

Uniform shop – Jessica

Adult snacks – Kirstin

Sweets and Drinks – Adele, Jenny

Face Painting – Iren, Kelly

Glitter Tattoos – Tina, Ally P

Floss – Ally W, Wendy

Hall Minder – Liz

Glow Sticks – Nina

£1 in the bucket – Crystal

We will have a new DJ who hopefully will take requests

Crystal will ask Jo about buying/researching sealable popcorn boxes

We need to stock up on drinks and sweets – Adele to go to the cash and carry on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Advertising for the disco will hopefully be conducted by Andrew, Wendy to contact

Wendy and Karen to investigate flashing glow items

### **3. Red Nose Day**

Katie and Wendy have arranged to sell red noses and on the day (24<sup>th</sup>) they will hold a cake competition

The rota for selling noses is:

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> AM Wendy PM Wendy

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> AM Wendy PM Liz/Adele

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> AM Wendy PM Wendy

#### **Spare uniform:**

Jessica to find spare uniform for Clive Vale Nursery for dressing up and preparing for school

#### **Mary's requests:**

1. Legend Quest – Crystal saw and thought that it wouldn't be appropriate for under 8s. The question posed was; are we going to spend that amount of money on only years 4, 5 and 6? FAB voted not to fund Legend Quest for the following reasons:
  1. Not accessible for all children
  2. Too scary for some
  3. Jehovah Witnesses/religious values may be a barrier for some
2. Shakespeare – Has not got back to Crystal
3. Author coming in to school could be an option to look into  
Books for the class sets don't have to be new. Katie to send out letters requesting freebies

Nearly £400 raised by the school from World Book Day non-uniform day  
£500 donation from FAB

The year lists have been handed out and members to source/research

Year 1 Jenny

Year 2 Katie

Year 3 Katie

Year 4 Jessica

Year 5 Wendy

Year 6 Liz

It works out at £78 to spend on each list. Each list will need to be replicated three times for each class in each year group

Dictionaries and Thesauruses will have to be new:

Dictionaries £4.99 x45 = £225

Thesauruses £4.99 x75 = £375

= £600

FAB voted to fund the dictionaries and thesauruses at £600

## **Yarn bombing**

Crystal will finish making pompoms with the classes on Tuesday

It will be on the pier from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March for a month

Could we take photos for the Newsletter please?

## **Summer Bonanza**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Wendy to ask Janice to put a note in the Newsletter about collecting plants for the gardening stall

Crystal to ask the Lego lady to come

Cake lady will be asked if she wants to run a workshop event

Wendy to ask Play Hastings to come

Katie to beg for freebies

FAB members to email Crystal a list of people/companies they have approached when asking for raffle prizes to avoid asking the same people twice.

## **Thrive parade**

June 16<sup>th</sup>

Julie attended the meeting today

It is basically to make a sculpture then parade it through the streets of Hastings, possibly starting at the pier?

An artist comes to school

Crystal has let Julie take charge

## **Funding application**

1. Lunchtime toys and activities

£165.85 +VAT

FAB voted to fund

2. Gardening equipment

£155

Liz to ask Morrisons for 20 free grow bags

They shouldn't need the primer as listed

FAB voted to fund the remainder

### 3. Playground re-vamp

Crystal to ask Mrs Rankin what she specifically wants

Dave may re-do the painting

FAB members to think of ideas, Crystal will collate

We have spent roughly £1500 tonight

### **Fireworks**

We need to book a date

Possibly November 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>

Crystal will ask Karen to arrange a date with Renegade

### **Adding Members**

#### 1. Iren Donoghue

Crystal proposes, Petra seconds

#### 2. Katie Evans

Liz proposes, Wendy seconds

### **Gardening**

Wendy – outdoor classroom area – Met with Mrs Rankin. Mrs Winter has taken responsibility. Can she call on FAB to help out when needed? Wendy has already said yes, as this was previously agreed.

### **New signatories**

Liz will double check that it has been sorted with HSBC